

BISHOP MIEHM'S EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
We think of the word "Easter" as a noun, but the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once used it as a verb. "Let him Easter in us," Hopkins wrote in his 1875 poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland," in which he recounted a shipwreck off the English coast that resulted in the death of five Franciscan nuns. I was taught that a verb is an action word or one that expresses a state of being. It is intriguing to think of Easter as a verb, as something that is present and active here and now. Of course, we know that Easter refers to the great mystery of Jesus rising from the dead, bursting out of the tomb after having died on the cross for our salvation. But Hopkins' use of Easter as a verb reveals another level of meaning: to say "let him Easter in us" is to proclaim that we share in the great mystery and victory of Christ. We are not mere spectators at the foot of the cross or at the empty tomb. Easter is not for Christ alone but is shared with all who believe in him. To have him "Easter in us" is to know there is something more to life than this human life, and something beyond death – that the grave does not have the last word. To have him "Easter in us" is to be freed from sin so as to live a new life for God. Whatever troubles and worries may oppress us, whatever challenges afflict the Church and the world, we have a new way of being because Christ rose from the dead. That is Easter as a verb; something that impacts our entire life and the way we act in the world. To paraphrase the poet, may Christ Easter in you during this holy season and always. Yours in Christ,
+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough

RIDES TO CHURCH FOR MASS - If you need a ride or know of anyone who needs a ride to Church in Port Severn on Sunday mornings for 9:00 Mass, feel free to contact the following: 1. Gerry- 14167498442 (Six Mile Lake & Honey Harbour area) 2. Mark - 7057187443 (Waubashene & Coldwater area) 3. Wally -705 5382579 (Port Severn & Honey Harbour area). If you would like to become a volunteer driver for any of these areas please leave your name & number with any of the above parishioners. Thank you.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church
Honey Harbour**



**St. John the Baptist Church
Port Severn**

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Weekend Masses

Port Severn: Saturday 5 P.M. (From Victoria to Thanksgiving)

Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)

Honey Harbour: Sunday 11 A.M.

Weekday Masses

(See inside bulletin)

Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

RESURRECTION/EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

GOSPEL TODAY John 20:1-19 "The gospel tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb and concludes that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the weeks ahead, the Gospels will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit."



THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST (The Tomb is Empty) "The resurrection makes Jesus stand head and shoulders above all other religious figures and founders. All other religion founders or spokespeople died. Their followers hope their advice is truthful and life-changing—but they have no proof. Proof is vital in all areas of life. That's where the resurrection comes in. If the four Gospels ended with the death of Jesus like every other religious figure, we would be left with uncertainty. We would need the same blind faith needed to trust a dead Mohammed, The Buddha, Zoroaster or Confucius. The resurrection provides the proof. It demonstrated by awesome supernatural power that Jesus Christ was God. Jesus Christ, the wondrously unique God/man, died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt he was more than a human being. Resurrection served as the final witness in his trial for credibility. Here is the record. Confucius tomb – occupied. Buddha's tomb – occupied. Mohammed's tomb – occupied. Jesus' tomb – EMPTY. The evidence speaks for itself. It says very clearly—Christ is risen indeed! The resurrection displays the incontrovertible proof that Jesus Christ is "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). You can confidently believe everything He said about Himself because of the empty tomb. No wonder the early disciples preached the resurrection. Christ's one-of-a-kind conquering of death is absolute proof that Jesus is Lord. That's why the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest event of all time. Happy Easter. He is risen, indeed, Alleluia!"

CHRIST IS RISEN.
He is risen indeed,
Alleluia, Alleluia!



COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



Sunday Offerings \$1,355, Lenten Charity \$54

WEEKDAY MASSES (At Honey Harbour Chapel)

Thursday April 13, 11am – For Peace in the world

Friday April 14, 11am – For sick members of the parish

WEEKEND MASSES (2nd Sunday Easter)

Sunday April 16, 9am in Port Severn - For the people of the parish

Sunday April 16, 11am in Honey Harbour

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 P.M. (Victoria to Thanksgiving)

Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)

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New Church Sign Project

A big new sign will be erected by our own volunteers soon. It will be placed closer to the main intersection in front of the church so that it will be visible from all directions. Thank you to Gerry Scholz, member of the Parish Building Committee for his work in getting this project started. Donations from parishioners would be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the sign and materials estimated at \$1,500.

Dear Parishioners, The Easter message of joy echoes throughout the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with him. During this solemn Easter season we joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community these many years. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with him we too shall live. In this spirit of faith and hope, I wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter Season! Thank you all for your active participations during Lenten and Holy Week celebrations, for your continued support (spiritual and financial) to our parish. Special THANK YOU to those who decorated the Altars and cleaned the Church, to the choir and Lectors. May God bless you all. *Fr. Martin.* #Some items at the back page of the Bulletin